

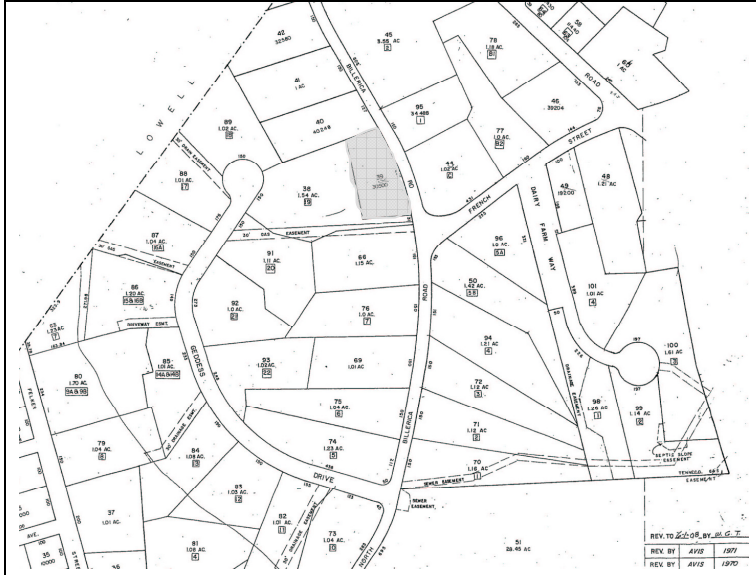
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 97 North Billerica Road

Historic Name: Frederic Arthur & Mabel Osterman House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

 Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1916

Source: Deed Reseech

Style/Form: Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.7 Acres

Setting: Built in a formerly rural agricultural area that was subdivided in the second half of the 20th century for residential development.

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TEWKSBURY

97 NORTH BILLERICA ROAD

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half story Craftsman bungalow at **97 North Billerica Road** is a rectangular dwelling. The main form is connected to a large two story shed addition to the rear (west). The three by four bay dwelling rests on a stone foundation. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The roof extends east to engage the full width front porch. The porch is enclosed with glass multi-pane windows over a stone base and lower walls. Above the porch a large gable dormer extends from the side gable roof. Centrally located in the gable end of the dormer are three sash windows encased in wide panel molding and flanked by narrow wood shutters with a crescent moon cut-out. The walls are clad with wood shingles. The bungalow retains a number of character defining features including: The engaged porch, exposed rafters, and the exterior end chimney. Fenestration includes 6/1, 1/1, and 4/1 sash windows. Second floor windows are flanked by wood shutters.

To the north west of the dwelling is a two-car garage. The low gable roof of the garage is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are covered in stucco. Across the front (east) elevation is a projecting hood that shelters the single wide overhead door.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

In 1891 Aaron Osterman, a local dairy farmer, sold a portion of his farm to Frank Felker. In 1916 Aaron's son Frederic Arthur and his wife Mabel Osterman bought a parcel of land from Albion and Myra Felker for their home. They would buy additional land from the Felkers in 1917 and 1931. Frank worked as a farmer (1910), as a dairyman (1920), and for Daniel Gage Ice Company, suppliers of natural and manufactured ice (1930). The ice company also sold refrigerators. Frederic Arthur also worked for Osterman Coal Company, a subsidiary of Daniel Gage Inc. providing coal, coke, and oil for home heating. His wife Mabel worked as a bookkeeper for Osterman Coal Company. Mabel Gertrude [Trevors] Osterman died in 1971. The Osterman family sold the house to William Hurley, the current resident, in 1973.

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Frederic Arthur Osterman (1891-1979)